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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.53) <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">09/889661</div>	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.  <b>PCT/NL00/00037</b>		INT'L FILING DATE  <b>January 19, 2000</b>		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>January 19, 1999</b>	
TITLE OF INVENTION: <b>PIPE HANDLING APPARATUS AND METHOD</b>					
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<p>Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).</li> <li>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol> <p>Items 11 to 16 below concern other document(s) or information included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment.</li> <li style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</li> <li>16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Publication No. WO 00/43630</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notification of Transmittal of the International Preliminary Examination Report</li> <li>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Preliminary Examination Report</li> </ol> </li> </ol>					

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17. [X] The following fees are submitted: BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 C.F.R. 1.492(a)(1)-(5)):  International preliminary examination and search fees not paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$ 1000.00 International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$ 860.00 International search fee paid to the USPTO ..... \$ 710.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO ..... \$ 690.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$ 100.00  ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT = \$860.00				CALCULATIONS      PTO USE ONLY	
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Total claims	25 - 20 =		5 X \$18.00	\$90.00	
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Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 C.F.R. 1.21(h)). The Assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet. (37 C.F.R. 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				+\$0	
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